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## Via Hand & Electronic Delivery

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Ms. Karen Majcher Vice President, High Cost and Low Income Division Universal Service Administrative Company 2000 L Street, NW Suite 200 Washington, DC 20036

RE: AST Telecom LLC d/b/a Blue Sky Communications Annual State Certification for High Cost Support CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

Enclosed for filing is the High Cost Universal Service Support Certification pertaining to AST Telecom LLC d/b/a Blue Sky Communications executed by Acting Governor Sialega Malaetasi M. Togafau in his capacity as Acting Telecommunications Regulatory Commissioner for American Samoa, which certification is required in conjunction with CC Docket No. 96-45.

Given our remote location in the South Pacific and only two outgoing mail flights per week, it is unlikely that the original certification will arrive prior to the October 1<sup>st</sup> filing deadline, which concerns me. Consequently, I am kindly requesting that a facsimile and/or electronic copy of the certificate be accepted as compliance with timely filing

subject to and pending receipt of the original certification which will be transmitted by priority mail.

Your understanding and indulgence in this matter is truly appreciated as well as your assistance.

Sincerely,

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# TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY COMMISSIONER

#### CERTIFICATION BY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

I, Sialega Malaetasi M. Togafau, hereby certify that I am the Acting Governor of American Samoa andthat I am authorized to execute this certification as the Acting Telecommunications Regulatory Commissioner of the Territory of American Samoa. Furthermore, with reference to CC Docket No. 96-54, I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that all federal high cost support received by AST Telecom LLC d/b/a Blue Sky Communications (SPIN 143029520, SAC 679000) will be used for the provision, maintenance, andupdating of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

SIALEGA MALAETASI M. TOGAFAL

Subscribed, Sworn to and Acknowledged before me this 27 day of September, 2006.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires:

12-31-06